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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, John McBride, Vice President and owner of ERH Enterprises in Westville, was recently named Operator of the Year by the Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators Association (IPWSOA), the highest honor an operator can receive in the waterworks industry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride received the award for his outstanding service and performance in the groundwater division for his water treatment facility in Bement; he has received numerous awards from the IPWSOA in the past, including first-runner up in both the groundwater and wastewater operations categories for his facilities in Gilman in 2001 and first runner-up in the surface water division in 1994 for operations at his Georgetown facility; he also received the National Operations Maintenance award in 1991 for the Westville-Belgium facility; and

WHEREAS, ERH Enterprises operations has been based in Westville since 1985; the Bement facility is one of eighteen facilities currently operated by ERH; ERH employs more than fifty people and over 40% of its staff hold water or wastewater certifications, including Mr. McBride, who holds the highest certification in both Illinois and Indiana; Mr. McBride has been a staunch advocate of taxpayer education and awareness of the waterworks industry by encouraging the public to tour ERH facilities and providing answers to better inform the public; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McBride's dedication and leadership is evident in his innovative approach to improving the efficiency and appearance of waterworks facilities in order to run a first-class operation that provides first-class service that is on the cutting edge of improving the public water supply; therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
3           we congratulate John McBride on being named Operator of the  
4           Year by the Illinois Potable Water Supply Operators  
5           Association; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to John McBride as an expression of our respect and  
8           esteem.